

TO: Commissioner Jonah Wolfson, Chair

Members of the Sustainability Committee

Patxi Pastor – Appointed by Commissioner Jerry Libbin
Erin Healy – Appointed by Commissioner Jorge Exposito
Debra Leibowitz – Appointed by Commissioner Deede Weithorn
Liliam Furst – Appointed by Commissioner Jonah Wolfson
Luiz Rodrigues – Appointed by Commissioner Ed Tobin
VACANT – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Gongora
Mitch Novick – Appointed by Mayor Matti Herrera Bower

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager # 47-149

DATE: March 16th, 2010

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF

MARCH 16, 2010

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

The attendees were as follows: Committee members: Commission Chair Commissioner Jonah Wolfson, Patxi Pastor, Erin Healy, Debra Leibowitz, Liliam Furst, Luiz Rodrigues, and Mitch Novick.

City Staff: Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director; Fernando Vazquez, City Engineer; Robert Middaugh, Assistant City Manager; Lisa Botero, Environmental Manager, Elizabeth Wheaton, Environmental Specialist; Saul Frances, Parking Director; Debora Turner, City Attorney; and Al Zamora, Sanitation Director.

Guests: Eric Schott, Ameresco; Jason Neal, Waste Management; Alex Gonzalez, Waste Management; Juan Pablo Sanchez, Ecobatt; Hernando Aparicio, Ecobatt; and Ana Rockwell, Ecobatt.

Minutes

- Alternative Transportation
 - a. Indicator Alternative Vehicles/Fuels: Hybrid Parking Spaces Saul Frances, Parking Director outlined the status of the hybrid vehicle parking program. Changes to the City Code regarding the reservation of spaces in the parking garages and criteria for participation in the program are in development. Anticipating bringing item to Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC) in April.
 - b. Indicator Alternative Vehicles/Fuels: Shared Car Program Saul Frances stated that the Program may go the March 10th Commission Agenda. The agreement is being drafted by the Legal Department.
 - c. Indicator Alternative Vehicles/Fuels: Electric Charging Stations Saul Frances discussed the future of the Electric Charging Station Program and

stated that it is necessary for the Program to be bid out competitively, as there may be multiple interested parties. The bid language and scope of work is being developed by the Parking Department.

2. Solid Waste

- a. Indicator Recycling: Recycling Update and Tonnage Quarterly Report The Committee Members were provided the Tonnage Quarterly Report for Q1. Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director stated that staff would include the tonnage of solid waste collected for every quarter to compare the recycling and solid waste tonnages and see if there has been a reduction of waste going to the landfill.
- b. Indicator Recycling: Ecobatt Informational Item The company Ecobatt gave a brief presentation of their services. Ecobatt provides battery receptacles with advertisements to finance this recycling service. No action taken by the Committee.
- c. Indicator Recycling: Recycling The Committee discussed the franchisees contract agreement, the creation community recycling drop-off points and the cost/benefit of mandating recycling through creation of a new ordinance.

The following actions were taken by the Committee:

Motion One

Motion made by Debra Leibowitz recommending to the Commission that the contracts between the waste haulers and multi-family residents and commercial facilities include language about the County's Code that requires a recycling program be in place. Motion seconded by Paxti Pastor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Two

Motion made by Luiz Rodrigues recommending that the contracts include language stating that the client may save money by recycling. Motion was seconded by Lanette Sobel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Three

Motion made by Debra Leibowitz recommending to the Commission that there be three (3) dedicated community single-stream recycling drop off locations in South, Middle, and North Beach. Motion seconded by Paxti Pastor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Four

Motion made by Debra Leibowitz recommending to the Commission that all the incentive money given to the City as part of the haulers franchisee agreement, including the \$75K allotted for IB, be used for sustainability issues. Paxti Pastor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Five

Motion made by Luiz Rodrigues recommending to the Commission that a portion of the funds received be used to hire an environmental officer/facilitator. Lanette Sobel seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Indicator Recycling: The Committee formed a Recycling Sub-committee to meet and discuss Recycling Initiatives. Luiz Rodrigues, Lanette Sobel, and Lily Furst volunteered for this sub-committee.
- 3. Water Conservation & Quality
 - a. **Indicator Water Conservation:** Water Reclamation Eric Schott from Ameresco provided an explanation of the water reclamation plant to service the golf courses.

Motion One

Motion made by Luiz Rodrigues for the Sustainability Committee to endorse the inclusion of the Water Reclamation Plant in Ameresco's recommendations to the City. Motion was seconded by Lanette Sobel and was passed unanimously.

- 4. Community Outreach & Civic Participation
 - a. Indicator Community Events/Involvement: Earth Day Ms. Lisa Botero stated that the Environmental Division is in the process of developing a program for Earth Day 2010 (April 22nd). Debra Leibowitz suggested that the City use this event to promote recycling. She suggested that the City use the local media such as the Miami Herald to promote single family home, multifamily home, and commercial establishment recycling.
 - b. Indicator Community Events/Involvement: MiaGreen Conference The City will be participating in the MiaGreen Conference on February 25th and 26th. The Committee was asked to volunteer to assist City staff with tabling the event.
 - c. Indicator Community Events/Involvement: The Committee formed an Education Sub-committee to meet and discuss Environmental Education Initiatives. Paxti Pastor, Erin Healy, and Debra Leibowitz volunteered for this sub-committee.

Quorum breached at 8:15 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The proceedings of this meeting have been recorded. Please contact Patricia Bocio at 305.673.7080 or pbocio@miamibeachfl.gov for more information.

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